

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A battery unit for being contained in a lens-fitted photo film unit, comprising:

a battery including first and second battery electrodes;

a battery case, formed from insulating material, for containing said battery, the battery case comprising an elastic member;

first and second through holes formed in the elastic member of said battery case; and

first and second contact segments, inserted through respectively said first and second through holes in a watertight manner, for contacting respectively said first and second battery electrodes, for external connection of said battery, wherein an interior surface of each of the through holes in the elastic member makes contact with only a respective one of the contact segments.

2. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 1, wherein said battery is an AAA type, and said battery case substantially has a size of an AA type of battery.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A battery unit as defined in claim [[3]] 2, wherein each of said first and second contact segments includes:

a plate portion for contacting said first or second battery electrode; and

a terminal pin, formed to protrude from said plate portion, for being thrust through said elastic member in said watertight manner.

5. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 4, wherein said battery is shaped cylindrically, and has first and second end faces and a cylindrical face;

said first battery electrode is disposed at said first end face, and said second battery electrode is disposed at said second end face and said cylindrical face.

6. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 5, wherein said battery case includes a case body, having one end wall, and an end opening disposed opposite to said end wall, for containing said battery;

said elastic member is a cap for closing said end opening in said watertight manner.

7. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 6, wherein said plate portion of said second contact segment is curved, and has an inner face for contacting said cylindrical face of said battery.

8. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 7, wherein said cap is formed from rubber or elastomer.

9. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 7, wherein said cap includes:

a projecting portion, formed to project from a cap outer face in a position of said terminal pin of said first or second contact segment; and

a receiving chamber, formed to retreat from a cap inner face in a position reverse to said projecting portion, for receiving said terminal pin, to allow thrusting of said terminal pin through said projecting portion.

10. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 9, further comprising:

a positioning cutout formed in said plate portion of said first contact segment; and

a positioning projection, formed to project from said cap, for engagement with said positioning cutout to position said first contact segment.

11. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a retention groove formed in one of said cap and said case body; and

a retention projection, formed to project from a remaining one of said cap and said case body, for engagement with

said retention groove, to retain said cap on said case body in said watertight manner.

12. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 1, further comprising a containing chamber, formed inside said cap, for containing at least one of neutralizing agent, hydrogenation catalyst and water absorbing agent.

13. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 1, further comprising neutralizing agent, accommodated in said battery case, for neutralizing alkali solution from said battery being damaged.

14. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 1, further comprising hydrogenation catalyst, accommodated in said battery case, for causing hydrogen from said battery to react upon oxygen if said battery is damaged.

15. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 14, further comprising water absorbing agent, accommodated in said battery case, for absorbing water produced according to said hydrogenation catalyst.

16. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 1, further comprising a coloring member or coloring material layer, including coloring material, applied to or secured to an outer surface of said battery case, for developing color by reaction upon alkali solution from said battery being damaged, to indicate occurrence of a damage.

17. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 1, further comprising at least one biasing mechanism, disposed between said first contact segment and said first battery electrode, or between said second contact segment and said second battery electrode, for pushing said first or second contact segment to keep said first or second contact segment fitted tightly in said first or second through hole.

18. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 17, wherein said battery is shaped cylindrically, and said first and second battery electrodes are disposed at first and second end faces of said battery;

said battery case includes a case body and a cap, said case body having one end wall, and an end opening disposed opposite to said end wall, for containing said battery, said cap closing said end opening in said watertight manner;

said first and second through holes are formed in respectively said cap and said end wall.

19. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 18, further comprising first and second packing members for preventing water from entry between said first contact segment and said first through hole, and between said second contact segment and said second through hole.

20. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 19, wherein each of said first and second contact segments includes:

a plate portion disposed between an inner face of said cap or said end wall and said first or second battery electrodes;
and

a terminal projection, formed to project from said plate portion, and inserted in said first or second through hole.

21. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 20, wherein said first packing member is disposed between said plate portion of said first contact segment and said cap, and said second packing member is disposed between said plate portion of said second contact segment and said end wall.

22. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 21, wherein said at least one biasing mechanism includes a coil spring.

23. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 21, wherein said at least one biasing mechanism includes a plate spring.

24. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 21, wherein said cap includes:

a disk-shaped cap body; and

a flange portion, formed to project from a periphery of said cap body toward said end wall, for being fitted on an outer surface of said case body about said end opening.

25. (original) A battery unit as defined in claim 21, wherein said cap is inserted in said end opening to be fitted.

26-28. (canceled)

29. (previously presented) A battery unit for being contained in a lens-fitted photo film unit, comprising:

a battery including first and second battery electrodes;

a battery case, formed from insulating material, for containing said battery, the battery case comprising an end wall and an end opening disposed opposite the end wall, the battery case further comprising an elastic member in the form of a cap constructed so as to be able to close the end opening in a watertight manner;

first and second through holes formed in said battery case;

first and second contact segments, inserted through respectively said first and second through holes in a watertight manner, for contacting respectively said first and second battery electrodes, for external connection of said battery;

a plate portion for contacting said first or second battery electrode;

a positioning cutout formed in said plate portion of said first contact segment; and

a positioning projection, formed to project from said cap, for engagement with said positioning cutout to position said first contact segment.

30. (previously presented) A battery unit for being contained in a lens-fitted photo film unit, comprising:

a battery including first and second battery electrodes;

a battery case, formed from insulating material, for containing said battery;

first and second through holes formed in said battery case; and

first and second contact segments, inserted through respectively said first and second through holes in a watertight manner, for contacting respectively said first and second battery electrodes, for external connection of said battery;

first and second packing members for preventing water from entry between said first contact segment and said first through hole, and between said second contact segment and said second through hole.

31. (new) The battery unit of claim 1, wherein only a distal end of each of the first and second contact segments lies outside the battery case.

32. (new) The battery unit of claim 4, wherein for each of the first and second contact segments, only a distal end of each terminal pin opposite the plate portion of the contact segment lies outside the battery case.